

AT THE MOUNT.

The Annual Commencement of Mt. de Chantal Academy

ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL

In the Long and Brilliant Career of This Institution.

RENOWNED OVER THE LAND.

The Commencement Programmes Made Up Almost Entirely of Musical Numbers. A Large and Brilliant Audience was Delighted with the Performance—Awards of the Year—To-day is Commencement Day at West Liberty—Benediction's Commencement Occurred Last Night.

The forty-ninth annual commencement of the Mount de Chantal academy for young ladies, took place yesterday afternoon at the classic Mount, in the presence of one of the largest and most cultured assemblages that ever wended its way up through the leafy walks to the beautiful grounds upon which the famous institution is located.

There was the usual number of visitors from a distance, and the crowds that went out from the city were unusually large. The exercises occurred in commencement hall, beginning at 1:30 o'clock, and before that hour the spacious interior was a scene of the customary crush, but the arrangements were so perfect that all were soon seated. It was a gala day at the Mount, and the beautiful grounds and buildings under the warm sunshine loomed up in especial attractiveness while the commencement hall was prettily decorated by the massing of potted plants and fresh flowers.

The exercises began with a piano quartet, well played, by Misses Pomeroy, Koen, Joyce and Montague, during the rendering of which the other young ladies, about one hundred in number, entered from behind the scenes, met at center of the stage, greeted Mr. Rev. Bishop Donahue and others, and then, two by two, advanced towards the audience, standing in places until the last chord was struck, which was the signal for seating in the presence of their elders and the exercises were on.

The solo selection which followed was vocal, and Miss Elsie Gundling, to whom it was allotted, very creditably sustained it. Miss Gundling gives promise of an unusual range of voice.

Other vocal numbers were three choruses and a second solo, "Heaven Hath Shed a Tear," sung by Miss Carrie Gutman. Miss Gutman has a beautiful contralto voice, and her interpretation of the music and words was very good.

The instrumental portion was especially fine. The "Peer Gynt Suite" opus 46, as played by Misses Loughney, Forbes, Reymann and McQuaid, could not be excelled by any set of amateurs, of much ripe age.

Two piano duos, the "Ronde Brillante" by Miss Alice McCracken (graduate) and Miss Grace Armstrong, was a pleasing selection, effectively played, the Schumann "Andante and variations opus 46," is exquisite, and was so interpreted by Miss Blanche Loughney and Miss Flora Umberger.

The more unusual instrumental number was the harp solo, played by Miss Kirk, of Chicago. This number was accompanied by Professor Schockey, with the violin. Miss Kirk made a very pretty picture at the harp, as again she did, when reciting Eleanor Donnelly's "Guliberto." Her distinct enunciation and sweet voice made this number a very attractive feature of the graduation exercises.

The other ladies, who for the last time in school days, stood facing an audience, read their own views on subjects chosen. Miss Anna Hoffmann, of this city, read first, "A Daughter of the Ghetto," was the topic, and Miss Hoffmann very cleverly presented in "his" character, the effects of a life of ease and pleasure, turned to a life of sorrow and suffering, taken in the right spirit.

Other essays.

The second essay, "Poetry," written by Miss Eleanor McCracken, was splendid in its working to the point aimed at, beginning: "In this utilitarian age with its wonderful discoveries, its marvelous inventions, and gigantic strides along the pathway of science, we are apt to think, and naturally so, that only those studies which develop man's intellectual powers, and geometry and the 'logics,' should be used as educators. The tide of science is threatening to swallow up all our schools, our universities and I may also say, ourselves, making intellectual necessities of our men and women by a one-sided culture."

"You may say, our associations, home influence, religious training, etc., counteract this limited education, but examine closely the lives of our greatest men, and you will find they considered the moral and emotional nature, as deserving of culture as the intellectual. And what is it that cultivates this moral and emotional nature? What is it that lifts man, upon all that is earthly and material? What is it that makes the whole world akin? What is it? Literature and poetry."

"Poetry claims a higher truth and a more perfect beauty of its own, for it is its peculiar boast, to address itself to the higher and more elevating portion of man's nature."

From this point Miss McCracken began with historical examples of poetic inspiration for good among the Jewish children, Roman nations, on down, to personal examples of great men in all fields, yet who made poetry their especial delight, instancing Matthew Arnold, Dante, Pope, Leo XIII, and ended by saying: "Experience has taught us, in our own day, as in the past, that the men who in church and state, are leaders of their fellow-men, are those who successfully cultivate poetry."

The last essay, though not in reality a valedictory, through its beautiful peroration, favored of such. It was given by Miss McLane, of West Union, her subject being, "Light." Dealing beautifully with the subject until she had the material typify the supernatural light, she concluded with the following: "Now of that divine light which penetrates into the innermost recesses of the soul, that light of faith which reaches to the very throne of God. Let us, who are standing on the threshold of life, bright with anticipations of happiness, walk always in this supernatural light, recognizing that duty, 'stern daughter of the voice of God' is the light which should guide our footsteps. Let us be faithful to its teachings, for into it will have been woven, 'Per Aspera, ad Astra,' through trials to the stars, ah, yes, and beyond the stars."

All four young ladies, Miss Kirk, Miss McCracken, Miss Hoffmann and Miss McLane, were graduated with highest average, and were, upon the reading of their names by Mr. J. J. Conif, awarded the gold medal diploma and laurel wreath, of the institution, by the Rev. Bishop Donahue, who, in his usual happy vein, discussed the class motto—"Through trials to the stars," and stated that he preferred the literal translation—"Over rough places to the stars," as more applicable to school life.

The long list of premium takers proved and especially the unusual high standing of the class of '97, which would be no heartily wished "God speed," and an early return to its alma mater, to help celebrate the Jubilee.

Hannon, of Sistersville, and Miss Lillian, of Morgantown. The full list of those awarded premiums is appended:

The Honors and Award.

The highest honors of the school, consisting of a blue ribbon, with a silver star, were awarded for excellence in deportment and studies, in the senior class to Miss Lena Dent, of Bridgeport, Ohio; in the third class, to Miss Nellie Schmidt, of Wheeling; in the senior fourth class, to Miss Estima Reymann, of Wheeling; in the middle first class, to Miss Loretta Hannon, of Sistersville; in the middle second class, to Miss Lillian McDermott, of Morgantown.

A prize for excellence in special studies of the senior first class was awarded to Miss Margaret Jepson, of Wheeling.

First prizes in the senior second class to Miss Eugenie Waterhouse, Wheeling; Miss Georgia Dent, Bridgeport; Miss Bessie Pomeroy, Sistersville.

First prizes in the senior third class to Miss Emma Forbes, Elva Grover, Misses Blanche Handlan, Wheeling; Eleanor Henke, Houston, Texas; Julia Sullivan, Lock Haven, Pa.; Martha Haas, New York city; Cornelia Welty, Wheeling; Margaret McSweny, Washington, D. C.; Florence Umberger, Lock Haven, Pa.; Maquette Joyce, Youngstown, Ohio; Julia Montague, Wheeling; Sara Goddard, Milton, Pa.; Lillian Carrara, Elm Grove, W. Va.

In special studies of senior third class a prize to Miss Magdalen Anderson, Altoona, Pa.

In special studies of senior fourth class prizes to Misses Blanche Loughney, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Blanche Koen, Mannington; Virginia Wiley, Point Pleasant; Stella Steinmeyer, Pittsburgh, Pa.; prizes to Misses May Belle Ashmore, Washington, Pa.; Nellie Graham, Bridgeport, Ohio; Marcella Weiner, New York city; Mary McSweny, Washington, D. C.; Gertrude Becker, Wheeling; Katharine Rau, Wheeling; Margaret Mould, Pittsburgh; Agnes Dick, Canton, Ohio.

In the middle third class, prizes to Misses Helena Hannon, Sistersville; Laura Dick, Canton, Ohio; Georgia Gardiner, Sistersville.

In the senior third class, second prizes to Miss Grace Armstrong, Lock Haven, Pa.; Miss Clara Geary, Oil City, Pa.

In the senior fourth class, prizes to Misses Julia Farley, Station, Va.; Josephine Waterhouse, Angella Feeny, Elsie Gundling and Alma Happy, of Wheeling.

A prize for application during the past five months, to Miss Miriam Ackenhell, Pittsburgh, Pa.

In the middle second class, prizes to Misses Susan Maxwell, West Union, W. Va.; Josephine Waterhouse, Angella Feeny, Elsie Gundling and Alma Happy, of Wheeling.

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First prize in third class of vocal music to Miss Caroline Gutman.

First prize in third class of piano and in fourth class of piano to Miss Florence Umberger.

First prize in third class of piano and a prize for excellence in water color painting, to Miss Grace Armstrong.

First prize in third class of piano, Miss Blanche Loughney.

First prize in fourth class of piano, first prize in fourth class of vocal music, and a prize for fidelity to charges, Miss Emma Forbes.

First prize in fourth class of vocal music, and second in fifth class of piano, Miss Elsie Gundling.

First prizes in fourth classes of piano, Miss Emma Reymann, Miss Frances Montague.

First prize in class of beginners in vocal music, and second in the fourth class of piano, Misses Nellie Schmidt, Gertrude Becker, Agnes Dick.

First prize in fifth class of piano, Miss Alice Graham.

First prize in elocution, and second in third class of piano, Miss Alice McLane.

First prize in elocution, second in fourth class of piano, and a prize in stockinck darning, Miss Maquette Joyce.

First prize in elocution, second in fourth class of vocal music, and prize for fidelity to charges, Miss Eleanor Henke.

First prize in china painting, second in third class of piano, and prize for stockinck darning, Miss Blanche Koen.

First prize in china painting, second in class of beginners in vocal music, and prize in stockinck darning and fidelity to charges, Miss Stella Steinmeyer.

Prize for excellence in oil painting and first prize for drawing, Miss Nellie Graham.

First prize in china painting, Miss Georgia Dent.

First prize in drawing and second in fifth class of piano, Miss Lillian McDermott.

First prize in elocution, and prize in stockinck darning and fidelity to charges, Miss Eleanor McCracken.

First prize in elocution, Miss Julia Montague.

First prize in class of beginners in elocution, and prize for fidelity to charges, Miss Mary McSweny.

First prize in class of beginners in elocution, Miss Stella Geary.

Prize in elocution and fidelity to charges, Miss Marcella Weiner.

Second prize in third class of vocal music, Miss Eugenie Waterhouse.

Second prize in fourth class of piano, and second prize in class of beginners in vocal music, Miss Frances McQuaid.

Second prize in class of beginners in vocal music and prize for stockinck darning, Miss Clara Geary.

Second prize in class of beginners in vocal music and prize for fidelity to charges, Miss Magdalen Anderson.

Second prize in class of beginners in vocal music, Miss Virginia Wiley.

Second prize in third class of piano and prize for stockinck darning and fidelity to charges, Miss Margaret Jepson.

Second prize in fourth class of piano, and prize for stockinck darning and fidelity to charges, Miss Susan Maxwell.

Second prize in class of beginners on the violin, Miss Helena Hannon.

A prize for improvement on the piano, Misses Angela Jewett, Marie Jewett, and Julia Farley.

Prize for stockinck darning, Miss Margaret McSweny, Evelyn Wolf.

A prize for fidelity to charges, Misses Anna Hoffman, Julia Farley.

Prize for stockinck darning, Miss Margaret Mould.

Diplomas and gold medals for having

completed the English course were conferred on Misses Eleanor McCracken, Frederickburg, Va.; Alice McLane, West Union, W. Va.; Annie Hoffman, Wheeling; Emma Kirk, Chicago, Ill.

After the Exercises.

At the close of the exercises many were loath to leave the school, and previous to their departure strolled through the halls and around the grounds. The art room was visited by a great number of visitors, and flattering comment was made upon the display. Among the exhibits were the paintings on china by Miss Blanche Koen, Mannington; Frances Feeny, Wheeling, and Miss Stella Steinmeyer, Pittsburgh. Some beautiful water colors were much admired. They were the work of Miss Grace Armstrong, Lock Haven, Pa., and Misses Nellie Graham, Bridgeport, Ohio. The other exhibits were mostly the work of beginners and show much promise for further excellence.

Among the visitors from a distance were: Mr. Sullivan, Lock Haven, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kirk and sons, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. McLane, wife and sons, West Union, W. Va.; Mr. McCracken, Frederickburg, Md.; Mr. Ashmore, Washington, Pa.; Mr. Loughney, Pittsburgh; Mr. McGarrell, Weston; Mr. E. H. Koen and sons, Mannington.

The past year has been the most successful in the history of the school. There has been no serious illness during the year, due no doubt to the healthful surroundings. Many applications have been received from prospective students and the school is rapidly extending its fame. During vacation there will be no general repairs, and at present it is difficult to see where improvements could be made that would enhance the strength or beauty of the school, from its gilded dome to the limit of its picturesque grounds.

No changes will be made in the faculty next year. To the Mother Superior and her able corps of assistants is due great credit for the school's high standing. Next September Mr. de Chantal commences the fifteenth year of its existence, and some time in April the golden jubilee of the academy will be celebrated on an elaborate scale.

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But a few months of untrammelled Democratic rule elapsed until the people discovered that the country had fallen into incalculable hands. Every thing went wrong. The national revenue failed to take the place of the long-established surplus. An insufficient and politically shapeless tariff bill was passed. It had the double fault of violating the pledge of the party platform and of failing to meet current expenses. The industries of the country languished, business ventures postponed. From this state of demoralization and distress sprang a revolutionary Democratic fusion and attack upon the standard of values, threatening to reduce it one-half. Here was Pandora's box with all its evils, and yet the Democratic explanation is that the Republicans had laid a trap years before. Why the Democrats failed to avoid all traps is not cleared up. It is imperative that a party in full control should at least have that much gumption.

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